

Virginia Beach Area Local Human Rights Committee
Minutes
Friday, October 19th, 2012

The quarterly meeting of the Virginia Beach Area Local Human Rights Committee was held on Friday, October 19th, 2012, in the conference room in the CAI office in Virginia Beach, VA

Members Present:

John Winfield- LHRC
Linda "Trink" Dahl-Prince-LHRC
John Yule-LHRC

Members Absent:

Shaunna Robey-LHRC

Others Present:

Shawn Beasley-Blueprints for Youth and Families
Michael Burke-Burke Family Care LLC
Melissa Constantine-Chesapeake CSB
Crystal Ferrara-Virginia Beach DHS
Robin Haverty-Hope House Foundation
Jayson Johnson-Community S.H.A.R.E., LLC
Pamela Little-Community Alternative's
Cynthia Moore-U First, Inc.
Thabit Jelani- U First, Inc.
Melissa Nugent-Burke Family Care LLC
Shareem Owens-Eagles Nest LLC
Stewart Prost-OHR
Jane Sinnott-Virginia Beach DHS
Rhonda Wood-Mobile Mental Health
Timothy James-
Hamdiya Moore
Karen Smith-Paradigm House
Carrie Criddle- Hope House Foundation

Absent:

M.J. Jarding-Refuge Manor
Donna Kellam-Eastern Shore CSB
Brenda McGee-Chesapeake CSB
Keya Mitchell-Chesapeake CSB
Dawn Hardman-Virginia Beach DHS
Candice Hassell-Community S.H.A.R.E., LLC
Felita Davis-Refuge Manor
Travis Davis-Refuge Manor at Llewellyn
Vina Callahan-Mobile Mental Health
Tamara Coleman-Community Alternatives, Inc
Susan Henderson-Hope House Foundation
Dee Keenan-Virginia Beach DHS

Jonina Moskowitz-Virginia Beach DHS
Debra Waters-Chesapeake CSB

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am, Trink Dahl-Prince presiding.

Announcements

Mr. Prost introduced the newest member of the LHRC, Mr. John Winfield. He also introduced Carrie Criddle from Hope House Foundation. He noted that she will be taking over the administrative duties for the LHRC on behalf of Hope House Foundation. Each person introduced themselves to Mr. Winfield and Ms. Criddle.

Trink Dahl-Prince asked the group for any additions to the agenda. Mr. Prost noted that he will be leading a training regarding the Freedom of Information Act after Closed Session has ended.

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the October 19th, 2012 agenda. Motion seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to adopt the July 20th, 2012 minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and carried.

Public Comment

There was none.

Advocate Report

Mr. Prost stated that Timothy Jones had been hired as a full time staff working out of the Williamsburg office.

Mr. Prost stated that the State Human Rights Committee will be meeting on Friday, October 26th, 2012 at 9:15 am at the Hampton- Newport News Community Services Board. This meeting is open to the public.

Mr. Prost stated that LHRC members are invited to attend a region wide training for new LHRC members at Eastern State Hospital. This training is scheduled for Thursday, November 8th, 2012 from 9 am to 12 pm. He noted that this training is geared toward committee members and not providers. Melissa Constantine added that if any committee members need reimbursement for travel to contact Pam Little.

Mr. Prost stated that when adding a location he needs service modification, licensing specialist, address, contact person, phone number, and Human Rights Program Rules. Additionally, a letter must be send to Reginald Day notifying him that you are opening a new location. Please forward a copy of this letter to Mr. Stewart Prost and the LHRC members. You request to open a new location will be reviewed at the next LHRC meeting; however, the provider does not have to wait until that meeting to start service at the location.

Mr. Prost noted that adding service to a provider location is a different process than when adding a new location. He instructed the affiliates to send a provider verification form to the LHRC stating that the provider has a human rights policy in compliance with the LHRC regulations.

Mr. Prost stated that Mary Mahar has completed her term with the Virginia Beach LHRC; however, she has agreed to serve on the Chesapeake Regional LHRC. Mr. Prost noted that the Virginia Beach LHRC needs to fill her vacancy which can be filled by a family member, interested citizen, or a community professional, etc. Mr. Prost also noted that Shaunna Robey, LHRC member, will complete her term in July of 2013. Her position will also need to be filled.

Mr. Prost reminded the LHRC affiliates that provider reports must be sent to the LHRC committee members in advance. He reminded the affiliates to only use initials of individuals receiving services and employees in the provider reports to protect confidentiality. Mr. Prost noted that when using email correspondence, do not mention people's names at all. Email is not considered a secure confidential route.

Provider Reports

- CAI-7 abuse allegations- 1-Verbal, 5-Neglect, 1-Physical, 0-Sexual, 7 closed cases, 5 cases were founded.
- Burke Family Care-5 individuals served. No incidents of abuse or complaints.
- Eagles Nest-7 individuals served. No incidents of abuse or complaints.
- Chesapeake CSB-5 abuse allegations- 5-Neglect, 3 cases were founded, 5 were closed. 2-Complaints, 1 resulting in violation, both cases were closed
- Hope House-8 abuse allegations-2 verbal, 1 sexual, 1 peer-peer, 1 death. All allegations were closed.
- Virginia Beach DHS-6,454 individuals served. 7 abuse allegations; all closed. 6 neglect, 4 cases founded. 1 physical abuse allegation. 9-complaints- all cases were unfounded. All were resolved through the informal process and below the director level.
- Lifting As We Climb Community Services-not licensed.
- People Centered Place LLC-not licensed.
- U First, Inc. - 1 individual served. No incidents of abuse or complaints.
- Mobile Mental Health-Service has not started yet. No incidents of abuse or complaints. July 25th was their first licensing review. September 11th was the second review. Their 6 month license was granted at that time. Paradigm House has completed the Medicaid process and is able to start taking reviews.
- Blueprints for Youth & Families-not licensed.
- Community S.H.A.R.E., LLC-0 individuals served. No allegations of abuse or complaints.
- Paradigm House- 1 individual served. No allegations of abuse or complaints.

New Business

Robin Haverty announced that Hope House Foundation is adding a new location to their existing license. She explained that four individuals that Hope House currently serves will move to this new location for a variety of reasons. One person is moving to be closer to his family. Another person is moving from a roommate arrangement to his own apartment. She added that this new location is very accessible to those who use wheelchairs or walkers. The location will open Monday, November 5th, 2012.

A motion was made to approve the Hope House Foundation's new location. Motion seconded and carried.

Rhonda Wood, Mobile Mental Health, requested a review of the modifications made to their Human Rights Policy. She noted that training on the Human Rights policy was provided to staff and procedures have been updated in their policy.

Karen Smith, Paradigm House, noted that one sentence in their Behavioral Management Policy has been modified regarding restraints. The representative noted that Paradigm House's behavioral management is maintained through CAI. Paradigm House has created an annual training on restraints with an option to take a refresher course after six months.

Melissa Constantine informed the LHRC and affiliates of an on-going research study called the Advance Directive Project. She provided background information on this program; and noted that she has taken over leadership of this project. This is why she is informing the LHRC today.

Old Business

None to review at this time.

Adjournment

The Friday, October 19th, 2012 LHRC meeting adjourned 12:15m.